(c) The State Government has been requested to implement the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and the guidelines issued.

Hardship faced by Central Government Pensioners

1120. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Pensioners who draw their pensions from Treasury, Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India, Pauri Garhwal, UP, are facing great hardship due to corruption prevailing there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government pensioners there do not get the D.A. instalments at the time the same are announced by the Central Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to see that the Central Government pensioners get timely payment of D.A. from their respective Banks in Pauri Garhwal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) No such instances have come to the notice of the Government so far.

(c)and (d) Whenever any additional relief in pension is sanctioned by the Government, copies of the orders are sent by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to the representatives of each Public Sector Banks for arranging immediate payment of increased D.A. to the pensioners. Also, instructions already exist for collection of sanction orders of D.A. relief by representatives of the Banks from Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare for transmission to Paying Branches within ten days for implementation.

Afforestation Plans for Tribal Areas in Madhya Pradesh

1121. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any afforestation plans with its own finance for the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh in order to augment the natural resources therein; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Central assistance for afforestation and tree planting activities in Madhya Pradesh, including the tribal areas of the State, is being provided under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The details of Central assistance provided to the State from 1988-89 to 1990-91 and the allocations for 1991-92 are as under:—

Names of the Schemes	Central assistance provided from 1988-89 to 1990-91 (Rs. in lakhs)	Allocations for 1991-92 (Rs. in lakhs)
(1)	(2)	(3)
Ministry of Environment & Forests		
(National Wastelands Development Board)		
(1) Integrated Wastelands Development Projects	249.64	400.00
(2) Rural Fuelwood Plantations . . .	228.73	..

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(3) Minor Forest Produce Plantations .	23.00	23.00
(4) Fuelwood and Fodder Projects . . .	88.97	240.00
(5) Decentralised Peoples' Nurseries . .	823.54	150.00
(6) Aerial Seeding	33.88	20.00
Ministry of Agriculture		
(7) Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Vally Projects	1157.86	670.00
(8) Integrated Watershed Management in the catchements of Flood Prone Rivers . .	245.27	215.00
Department of Rural Development		
(9) Drought Prone Areas Programme . .	346.47	101.12

MLAs disqualified by Bombay High Court

1122. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay High Court has disqualified several MLAs for mixing up religion with politics and issuing of appeals by them in the name of religion to electorate; and

(b) whether cases have been filed to disqualify MPs who have mixed up religion with politics in last general elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) According to the information available with the Election Commission, the Bombay High Court has declared elections of five MLAs as void. The question of their disqualification will be decided in accordance with the provisions of section 8A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

(b) This information is not available with the Government. Government is not a necessary party in election petitions and therefore it comes to know of the grounds on which an election is challenged only after it receives a copy of the judgement.

Pension Scheme for Employees of Autonomous Bodies under the Ministry of Commerce

1123. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pension scheme has since been introduced for the benefit of employees of some of the autonomous bodies like Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies working under the administrative control of his Ministry whereas the benefit of this pension scheme has not been extended to some other autonomous bodies and guarantee organisations functioning under the administrative cintrol of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to cover the employees of these left-